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SUBJECT:FAO MEMBERSHIP: NAMIBIA

REF: ROME 16691

1. DEPARTMENT WILL RAISE QUESTION OF COUNCIL FOR
NAMIBIA APPLICATION FOR FAO MEMBERSHIP DURING SAOUMA
VISIT TO WASHINGTON, MAKING FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- IT IS OUR POSITION THAT GA RESOLUTION 31/149 IS
NOT BINDING ON THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES.

-- THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA WOULD NOT APPEAR TO US TO
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BE ELIGIBLE FOR FAO MEMBERSHIP UNDER THE TERMS OF THE
FAO CONSTITUTION.

-- THERE IS ALSO THE BUDGETARY QUESTION OF ADMITTING A
NEW MEMBER WHILE WAIVING ASSESSMENTS.

-- FINALLY, THERE IS A QUESTION OF PRECEDENT AND THE

LIKELIHOOD THAT IF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA WERE ADMITTED
THE PLO AND OTHER LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WOULD WISH
EQUAL TREATMENT (PLO NOW HAS OBSERVER STATUS).

-- WE BELIEVE THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA SHOULD PLAY A
ROLE IN DEVELOPMENT PLANNING FOR AN INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA
AND UNDERSTAND THAT UN SECRETARIAT PLANNING WILL
PROVIDE FOR SUCH A ROLE.

2. THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA HAS BEEN AN ASSOCIATE
MEMBER OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION SINCE MAY,
1974. THE WHO CONSTITUTION PROVIDES FOR THE
POSSIBILITY OF THAT STATUS FOR "TERRITORIES OR GROUPS
OF TERRITORIES WHICH ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
CONDUCT OF THEIR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS", PROVIDED
THAT APPLICATION IS MADE BY THE AUTHORITY HAVING
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TERRITORY'S INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS. IN MAY OF 1977 THERE WERE INDICATIONS THAT
THE COUNCIL INTENDED TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE
INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION, BUT THE ILO LEGAL
ADVISOR INDICATED HE WOULD RULE THAT THE COUNCIL WAS
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP UNDER THE TERMS OF THE
ILO CONSTITUTION. AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE THE MATTER
ENDED THERE AND NO MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION WAS MADE.

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